

# Cobb Claims That Red Sox Pitchers Are Weakening---Wood Alone Holds Own

## COBB BELIEVES NATIONALS HAVE CHANCE FOR FLAG

Thinks Red Sox Pitchers Are Breaking Under the Strain.

## WOOD ALONE IS RETAINING CONTROL

Coming Six Weeks Will Afford Climbers Good Chance to Advance.

### Tomorrow's Card

Tomorrow the Climbers face the Browns in a double-header, beginning at 2 o'clock. Hamilton and Allison will probably pitch for St. Louis against Groom and Hughes for the Climbers.

### By "SENATOR."

That the Red Sox pitchers are beginning to crack under the strain of the grueling race for the American League pennant, is the claim of Ty Cobb, the Tiger star, who lately hit against them in the series in Boston between the Tigers and the Red Sox.

"I think the Nationals have a chance, perhaps not a good one, but still a chance to pass the Red Sox," said Ty Cobb yesterday. "I base my opinion on the condition of Stahl's pitchers. I hit against about all of them in our last series in Boston and know what I'm talking about. They're cracking, that's all."

"Aside from Joe Wood, who was as good as ever, with 'smoke' and wonderful control, the Red Sox twirlers all showed unmistakable signs of cracking under the strain."

"Buck O'Brien looked the worst of the lot. He wasn't in the best of condition for this stage of the race, and had to be driven into the game. Young Pedient, a green lad, was nervous and looked as if he was trained down a little line."

### Still Has Chance.

"With the Sox twirlers going to pieces just before they face the final trip through the West, Griff has a chance to get in there and beat 'em out for the flag. That's what the Detroit club did just pulling through when no one least expected it."

Cobb's remarks seem borne out by dispatches from Boston today which indicate trouble in the ranks of the leaders. Buck O'Brien is said to have broken training and had a warty battle with Jimmy McAleer on that account. McAleer is said to have threatened O'Brien with instant discharge unless he cuts out his midnight gambles.

"I'll not stand for it, O'Brien; that's all there is to it," McAleer is said to have fired at the twirler. "If you don't attend to business, you'll get off this club so fast your head'll swim. There'll be no world's series melon for you to cut, mark me."

McAleer is determined to win his first pennant in the American League, and will endure no monkeyshines from any of his players. The Boston club has managed to get along without a slump, but even now, with only six weeks in training of the campaign, there is a chance for them to get it. If it is started by some of the players breaking training, it will go hard with them at the hands of McAleer.

**Schedule Favorable.** If there is aught in the alleged ability of the Climbers to improve their standing by playing on the road instead of at home, the next six weeks will afford them every chance. Out of the thirty-five games yet to be played, twenty-two are to be played on foreign fields and only thirteen in this city. It is largely on this that Clark Griffith bases his hope of nosing out the leaders.

With the Red Sox pitchers wobbling, the leaders may bump into considerable trouble on the road, for their schedule is practically the same as that of the Climbers. A game is a game at this time. With the Nationals romping along and only thirteen games on the road, it might be possible for the Climbers to return home September 28 in first place.

Henry P. Edwards, the Cleveland baseball critic, views the Giants-Pirates doubleheader fairly well, and claims that the Red Sox have a better team than the Giants and should win the world's title, if they land the American League flag. In a chat with Artie Hoffman, the Pirate outfielder, told him that, in the opinion of the Pittsburgh pitcher, the Pirates should make a tougher fight for the world's title than the Red Sox. Indeed, Hoffman says the Pirates are better than the National League prefer to face the Red Sox than the Climbers. Walter Johnson is their principal bugaboo, as they believe he could win the title by himself.

**"Tillie" Walker Goes.** "Tillie" Walker has been sent to Kansas City with Jim Vaughn, leaving today. Bill Kenworthy, the Denver clubbing denier, is expected to report here tomorrow and may appear in the St. Louis series. The new man has been hitting for 340 in the Western League and leading the league in stealing bases.

Walker should be successful in the American Association, particularly on account of his hitting and throwing. His weakness on ground balls caused his failure here, but both Moeller and Shanks surpass him in fielding.

Melvin A. Gallia, the pitcher obtained from Kansas City for Vaughn and Walker, is still a green youngster. He is built on the lines of Cashion and Griff is taking chances that he will develop into as great a pitching marvel.

Charlie Moran, the Chattanooga outfielder, obtained by the Climbers, is expected to report in time to accompany the team to Boston.

Comie Mack yesterday completed the deal with the Baltimore Orioles whereby he sets Jimmie Walsh and Eddie Murphy, the star outfielders of the International League. Bris Lord and Claude Derrick, together with a bunch of iron men, go to the Orioles. Amos Strunk will be benched. Walsh going to center field in his place in tomorrow's game with the Tigers.

Matty McIntyre, the veteran outfielder, was yesterday released by the White Sox to the Milwaukee club of the American Association. He has slowed up so much that he could not hold his own with the speedy youngsters coming into the league.

# Walter Johnson and Clyde Milan Are Credited With Much of the Success of the Climbers

## Climbers' Great Base-Stealer



CLYDE MILAN, Climbers' Dashing Little Outfielder, Who Is Leading the American League in Stealing Bases, and Who May Shatter Ty Cobb's Record of 1911.

## VIRGINIA ELEVEN MAY HAVE HELP OF PRINCETON COACH

Roper Expected to Spend Two Weeks at Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Aug. 25.—Bill Roper, Princeton's famous football coach, is expected to spend two weeks with the University of Virginia football team preparatory to the Georgetown game, according to reports received here today. Taking advantage of the fact that the faculty allows the employment of a professional coach for two weeks in the season, the Virginia team is expected to take advantage of the ruling.

Word was received here today that Wellford and Wilson, two of the veteran line men, would not attend the university this year. Wood, the center of last year's eleven and captain, is expected to hold down his old job, while Bob Gooch, who was able to gain against Georgetown's famous team last year, will probably be found in the back field.

Several good men are reported as being ready to enter at the start of the college year. Sheldon, Gillette, and one or two other stars of college and prep school fame are slated to coast their loss with the Orange and Blue when the call for candidates is made.

## Indians Start Early Practice for Football

CARLISLE, Pa., Aug. 25.—Carlisle will start its football practice on September 2, according to advices given out today by Glenn Warner, the veteran coach of the Indian team. The hard, systematic work will begin on September 15, in preparation for the Albright game, which is scheduled for September 21.

According to Coach Warner, the team will be built up around Trope, the famous Olympic star, and one of the greatest backs ever seen in the game.

It is now probable that Capt. James Thorpe, Gus Welch, Alexander Johnson, and perhaps Posson Powell may duplicate last year's back field. Ex-Capt. Sam Burd will probably head the list of return players, and which will be included Busch and Bergie.

## Eli Candidates Hear Call for Gridiron Work

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 25.—Capt. Jesse Spalding has issued a call for Yale football players to report here September 3, three weeks before the first game on the schedule. Of last season's eleven Yale has lost Jim Scully and Charlie Paul, tackles; Arthur Howe, quarterback; and Freeman, halfback, and a few substitutes, but the best of prospects face the 1912 eleven.

## PROPOSE TO START SOCCER FOOTBALL IN CAPITAL CITY

All Interested Parties Will Meet at Chamber of Commerce Tomorrow.

Members of the Washington Cricket Club are expecting a large attendance at the meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms tomorrow night to start soccer football in the city. It has been planned to put a soccer team in the field and members of college football teams and those interested in the sport have signified their intentions to support the movement.

Captain Jimmy Rose, of the cricket club, feels that enough interest can be stirred up among the athletes in the city to put out a creditable team and that games with teams in other cities can be obtained to make up an attractive schedule.

W. Edwards, Callender, president of the club, announced today that all who are interested in the soccer game would be welcomed at the meeting tomorrow night. Men who have played soccer in England, and at Harvard, Princeton, Amherst and Pennsylvania, now in Washington, will be asked to come out for the team.

## Fordham Again to Have Football Team

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—There is rejoicing today among the Fordham students following the announcement that the faculty of the college has allowed the athletic association to put out a football team this fall. For the past two seasons Fordham has not had a representative football team, but at last the faculty has on the sport has been removed.

Football enthusiasts throughout the East will be pleased to learn that Fordham boys will again be permitted to play, for in the closing days of the sport at the New York institution the caliber of the teams turned out compared favorably with some of the good eleven of the East, and although it will take some time to build up a team as strong as those of 1907-8, it is hoped to accomplish the task.

## Foster Successful With Hit and Run Style of Batting

"Fateen" Foster, the Climbers' midget third baseman, is being touted everywhere as the best hit-and-run batsman in the American League and one of the smoothest fielders in that position. He is the only player on Griff's club to be depended upon to succeed with the hit-and-run, and his ability with this play has done much to make Dan Moeller one of the best run-getters in the League.

## Famous Twirler Has Been Backbone of Griff's Outfit.

## STERLING GARDENER ALSO HAS HIGH RANK

McBride and Gandil Come in for Much Praise This Year.

### By "SENATOR."

The Climbers have made such a remarkable record this season, lifting Washington from a graveyard position to the runner-up's job in the American League, that much of the good individual work of players on the team has been overlooked. However, Griffith's outfit contains several stars of the first magnitude, notably Walter "Smokeball" Johnson, "Zeb" Milan, George McBride, and "Chick" Gandil, not to mention "Massa" John Henry, "Dare-Devil" Dan Moeller, Bob Groom, and Eddie Alsmith.

Johnson and Milan, two cronies if ever there were cronies, have gone out this season and established marks to be shot at for some time. The peerless pitcher of the major leagues has won sixteen straight victories from all-comers, not picking out the weakest, but meeting them all as they came, and handing them a fine collection of neat trimmings.

Griff's premier hurler has won twenty-eight games and dropped but seven, being responsible for more than a third of the team's victories. In those games he has fanned 242 batters, the largest number by far credited to any pitcher in the league. He has given seventy-seven free tickets to first base. In every game in which he has appeared he has pitched sterling ball, and, if the prize automobile goes to any man, it should go to Walter Johnson this year, for he has proved himself the backbone of the Climbers, the sensation of the league.

### Milan Another Star.

The other universally recognized star of the baseball firmament connected with the Climbers is "Zeb" Milan, the dashing little middle garden. When the season started he was announced that he was going out for a base-stealing record. He has lived up to his promise. He has stolen sixty-nine cushions, and there are six weeks more for him to work in.

Ty Cobb, with eighty-three steals in 1911, holds the American League record, but good judges of baseball believe Milan will distance the famous Jungles before the curtain falls on the season of 1912. He has a long lead over his nearest competitor and has no real rival in the honors.

Not only is he a good base-runner, but Milan is in the 300 class as a hitter and is one of the really great outfielders in the league. He ranks with Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker as a fielder. Nothing but his connection with a tail-end club for the last few years has prevented his receiving the honors due him.

### Gandil Is Shining.

Arnold Gandil, the big first baseman, obtained from the Montreal club of the International League for four players and a bundle of money, is another star with the Climbers. His great work with the bat and around first base has established him as one of the major league's real stars. He is now leading the team with the willow, and promises to add a few steps in his climb to the top of the batting list.

George McBride has been a wonderful player ever since joining the Washington club, but he has never been ranked high enough because of his being with a poor ball club. This year, with a strong club, McBride has come into his own and the fans all over the circuit are discovering that only Jack Barry goes to compare with him.

The Climbers are not a team of stink-up-of-crowds from Harlem, Metropolitan, Lone Stars, Nonpareil and Bohemians, while New Rochelle sends eighteen handlers of the sculls to participate in the various events.

Crews from Baltimore, Richmond and the local crews will be seen in action, while Philadelphia will be represented by clubs of the Schuylkill navy, notably Undines, Crescents, Fairmounts, West Philadelphia, Maltas and Vespera, while the Pennsylvania Barge University, Matayunks and Bachelors clubs will be entered.

New York city's representatives will be made up of crews from Harlem, Ravenswood, Crescents and Vahnetta, Detroit will enter a junior intermediate and eight-oared shell crew.

It is fully expected that the crack Canadian club will be in the races of Labor Day, as the secretaries of the Argonauts, Ottawas, Dons and Winnipeg have been in communication with the officials of the regatta, and express themselves as confident of entering a limited number of events.

### May Go to Greece.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—An American team of track athletes may go to Greece in 1914 to take part in the big meet to be held at Athens, providing funds can be collected to defray the expenses.

## Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.				
Standing of the Clubs.				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today's Win-Loss
Boston	82	36	.695	.698
WASH'G'N	74	45	.622	.625
Philadelphia	71	46	.607	.610
Chicago	59	58	.504	.508
Detroit	56	65	.463	.467
Cleveland	52	66	.441	.445
New York	41	75	.353	.359
St. Louis	37	81	.313	.319

**Games Today.** No Games Scheduled.

**Yesterday's Results.** New York, 7; Chicago, 6. Boston, 4; Cleveland, 4. Philadelphia, 9; St. Louis, 2. Philadelphia, 2; St. Louis, 1.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	—Today— Win Loss
New York.....	81	33	.711	.713
Chicago .....	75	39	.658	.661
Pittsburgh.....	67	48	.583	.586
Philadelphia.....	55	57	.491	.496
Cincinnati.....	53	63	.457	.462
St. Louis.....	51	64	.443	.448
Brooklyn .....	42	73	.365	.371
Boston .....	32	80	.292	.298

**Games Today.** Boston at Chicago. Brooklyn at St. Louis. Philadelphia at Cincinnati.

**Yesterday's Results.** New York, 3; Pittsburgh, 6. Philadelphia, 1; Cincinnati, 6. Boston, 6; Chicago, 4. St. Louis, 7; Brooklyn, 3.

## Climbers' Peerless Pitcher



WALTER JOHNSON, Leading the American League in Successive Victories and Universally Considered the Greatest Twirler in Major League Baseball.

## MANY CREWS WILL ROWIN REGATTA ON THE POTOMAC

Middle States Event Promises to Be Best in History.

The full list of entries for the Middle States regatta, which will be held here under the auspices of the Potomac Boat Club on Labor Day will be announced Tuesday morning, according to the regatta committee which met at Philadelphia last night. While no definite details are given out, it is expected that the list of clubs sending crews here for the big event will surpass anything of its kind yet held, and the members are looking forward to a successful series of events.

Crews from Baltimore, Richmond and the local crews will be seen in action, while Philadelphia will be represented by clubs of the Schuylkill navy, notably Undines, Crescents, Fairmounts, West Philadelphia, Maltas and Vespera, while the Pennsylvania Barge University, Matayunks and Bachelors clubs will be entered.

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## Zimmerman Leading All Hitters in Old League

Heinie Zimmerman, the slugging third baseman of the Chicago club, is leading the National League at the bat, with an average of .384. Bill Sweeney, of the Boston Braves, is runner-up, with .361 for his total.

Rube Marquard has a slight lead over Low Riche for the pitching honor, the Giants' southpaw having figures of .806 to Riche's .800.

Bob Bescher, the Cincinnati speed merchant, is leading the base thieves with forty-seven stolen base hits. Larry Doyle coming close after with thirty-four. Of the ten leading base stealers the Giants have six. Bescher, with eight-six runs, is also leading the run-getters.

## Mathewson Liable To Lose Laurels in Giants-Sox Series

With the Giants and Red Sox meeting for the world's title, "Big Six" Mathewson is likely to lose his laurels. A couple of years ago he faced the Red Sox in a post-season series, and was sadly pounded by each and every one of the Boston sluggers. "Muggsy" McGraw will very likely have to depend upon Marquard and Jeff Tesreau for the twirling this season.

## BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

### "Every Knock Is a Boost."

Dwindling rapidly.

The chances of the Climbers in the present campaign may be measured now by the calendar and they are dwindling fast. But six weeks remain of the season and that is hardly enough to allow Griff's lads to seize the lead from the Red Sox. If those pesky Sox don't hurry up and slump—well, what's the use?

### Walker to "come back."

Clarence Walker, who goes to Kansas City with "Tiger" Vaughn in exchange for young Gallia, a green pitcher, should come back next year to the big leagues. Right now several clubs have outfielders far below his standard. He is fast, can hit, and pegs to bases like a backstop. He has made many friends here who are sorry to see him go and are sure he will return.

### Boehling shines.

Joe Boehling, the young southpaw sent to Worcester by Clark Griffith, is meeting with success up there in the wilds of New England and I am glad to hear it. This lad is a modest youngster who cannot but impress those about him with his innate ability. Griff is holding onto him largely because the Richmond boy gives his best all the time and is always willing to learn.

### Browns are dangerous.

Don't underestimate those St. Louis Browns. Before now tail end clubs have blasted the budding hopes of possible champions. George Stovall has whipped together a ball team capable of making the strongest hustle to win and the Climbers will have to work hard to earn the victories they may get from the Browns.

### McLoughlin slated for title.

Maurice McLoughlin, the Pacific coast player who has been having things his own way in the tennis tournaments this season, is likely to realize the prize for which he has been striving for the past four years. Should he win from Wallace F. Johnson, and there is every reason to suppose that he will defeat him tomorrow, McLoughlin will take the premier tennis honor of the year. Larned has not appeared in competition this season on account of rheumatism, and the crown will be awarded to McLoughlin.

### Prospects at Virginia.

Football prospects at Virginia loom up rather brightly, according to advance notices from the university, and the Orange and Blue is expected to have many stars on the eleven this year. While it is too early to get a line on any team in the country owing to the fact that the game has been changed, the men to report at the Charlottesville institution are a likely string of candidates which should come up to expectations.

### The Virginia amateurs.

The movement to have an amateur league of the Virginia cities appear to be a good one which in time should spread all over the country. The project is not too large to be undertaken, as evidenced by the Printers Union baseball teams, which held a tourney at Boston last week. All of the Virginia cities are expected to get in behind the movement, which should bring out a good series at the close of the season.

### The post-season series.

Cornell has still a chance to win the honors in the post-season series, and the two games which will be played tomorrow and Tuesday will probably bring out banner crowds. The Bankers and Postoffice are expected to give the Tigers great fights before losing, and there is a possibility of seeing Pepco and Cornell in a battle for the title yet.

## Nautilus Swimmers Enjoy First Meet

Members of the Nautilus Swimming Club will make extensive plans for the second annual swimming meet, which will be held next year, according to plans today following the first event, which proved to be successful and popular with the club members.

Six events were held on the water front of the Washington Canoe Club. A. W. Bennett was winner in the 25-yard swim, with James W. Birch winner in the 50 and 100 yard events. B. Miller won the 75-yard event, while Harry Wood won the 50-yard backstroke swim. A. W. Bennett captured the fancy dive. All events were handicapped.

## BIG LEAGUE GAMES.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At New York.	R.H.E.
Chicago	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 4 8 13 2
St. Louis	1 0 0 1 0 2 2 3 7 11 2
Batteries—White and Schalk; Ford and Sweeney. Umpires—Dineen and O'Brien.	
At Philadelphia (First game).	R.H.E.
Athletics	1 1 3 0 0 2 2 3 13 2
St. Louis	0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 6 1
Batteries—Houch and Lapp; Nader, Wetman and Krichell. Umpires—Connolly and Hart.	
Second Game.	R.H.E.
Athletics	0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 2 0
St. Louis	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 5 2
Batteries—Combs and Egan; Powell and Alexander. Umpires—Hart and Connolly.	
At Boston.	R.H.E.
Boston	3 0 0 4 0 1 0 0 3 8 7
Cleveland	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 4 7
Batteries—Wood and Cady; Gregg and O'Neill. Umpires—O'Loughlin and Westcott.	
At Washington.	R.H.E.
Washington	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 2
President Noyes game scheduled for today was played yesterday.	

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Pittsburgh.	R.H.E.
Giants	0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3 6 2
Pittsburgh	1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 8 2
Batteries—White; Mathewson and Meyers; Adams, Camnitz, Gibson and Simon. Umpires—Klem and Orth.	
At Cincinnati.	R.H.E.
Philadelphia	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 5 1
Cincinnati	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 2
Batteries—Rixey and Kilfliter; Fromme and McLean. Umpires—Johnstone and Emalle.	
At Chicago.	R.H.E.
Boston	1 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 1 3 0
Chicago	0 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 4 3 0
Batteries—Tyler and Kling; Lavender and Archer. Umpires—Hieiler and Finerman.	
At St. Louis.	R.H.E.
St. Louis	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 7 8
Batteries—Salles and Wingo; Stack, Kneizer, Curtis and Phelps. Umpires—Eason and Bush.	

## Big League Hitters of a Day

Players—Team.	AB.	H.	TE.	Pct.
Kirke, Braves	4	4	7	1.000
Konetchy, Cards	2	2	3	1.000
W. Brown, Browns	1	1	1	1.000
Compton, Browns	1	1	1	1.000
Donlin, Pirates	1	1	1	1.000
Stack, Dodgers	1	1	1	1.000
Saler, Cubs	4	3	3	.750
Lajoie, Naps	4	3	3	.750
Bodie, White Sox	4	3	3	.750
Strunk, Athletics	3	2	2	.67

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